

all he has done and all he has seen, I think every day ought to be Alcario "Cowboy" Vigil Day. •

RECOGNITION OF AMSA ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA, on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and on its name change to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies or NACWA. NACWA is the only association that exclusively represents the Nation's municipal wastewater treatment agencies. Its 35-year record of advocacy and leadership in fully meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act has helped guarantee the chemical, biological and physical health of our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, bays, and coasts.

NACWA's members serve the majority of the sewered population in the country and treat and reclaim over 18 billion gallons of wastewater a day. Simply stated, NACWA and its members deserve to be celebrated for their ongoing role in the remarkable revitalization of America's waterways.

Despite the improvements made so far to the Nation's waters, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and NACWA understand that significant work remains to be done to achieve the lofty goals of the Clean Water Act. From the committee's close working relationship with the association, we know NACWA is well-positioned to continue to build on this Nation's water quality gains.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has looked to AMSA and will continue to look to NACWA as a valued informational resource. The association has always been willing to share its expertise and to provide leadership in challenging times. For example, in the wake of the attacks on September 11, 2001, the association responded immediately with creative ideas and vital leadership in developing tools and resources to help further secure the Nation's critical water infrastructure. In fact, the association has been a vital resource on a host of clean water issues from wet weather control and the critical need for a Federal-State-local partnership to meet the Nation's clean water challenges.

As chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, I have worked closely with the association and know that NACWA will build on its tradition as a trusted resource for Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I am also confident that NACWA will meet its strategic objectives and the goals of AMSA's original founders. Most importantly, NACWA's success is a direct result of its unparalleled membership. NACWA, then AMSA, was established in 1970 by representatives of 22 municipal wastewater treatment agencies. Since then, AMSA has grown into an organization of nearly 300 municipal agency mem-

bers, including Oklahoma City, Stillwater and Tulsa, and a total membership of nearly 400 organizations poised to ensure that the 21st century will enjoy continued water quality progress.

The association's public agency members not only represent what is best about public service, they exemplify what it means to be environmental practitioners. Their daily work enables us to enjoy our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams and bays—something we as a Nation must never take for granted.

Once again, I congratulate NACWA on this important milestone as an organization and applaud its members for their outstanding service. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 22, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 167. An act to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1870. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Authority for Cross-Program Recovery of Benefit Overpayments" (RIN0960-AG06) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1871. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Energy Outlook 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1872. A communication from the Commissioner, the Vice Chairman, and the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill relative to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1873. A communication from the Chairman, Inland Waterways Users Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2005 annual report relative to the investment strategy for the preservation, protection,

and enhancement of the Nation's inland navigation system; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1874. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (December 15, 2004—February 15, 2005)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1875. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1876. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill relative to title 38, United States Code, received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1877. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-02" received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1878. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2004 report relative to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 (PDUFA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1879. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1880. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's implementation of the Government in Sunshine Act for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1881. A communication from the Director of the Selective Service System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the System's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1882. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report required by the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1883. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Defense Stockpile; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1884. A communication from the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Department's model State Code of Military Justice and model State Manual for Courts-Martial for the National Guard When Not In Federal Service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1885. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Environmental Programs report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1886. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant